

## **Draft recommendations proposed for deletion**

### **Provide Consistent and Predictable Policies for Future Growth, Investment, and Natural Resource Management**

11. Prioritize planning for unincorporated towns.

### **Increase Public Awareness of Sea Level Rise through Education, Outreach and Marketing**

3. Signs warning of sea level rise.

### **Expand Funding Opportunities for Adaptation Planning and Implementation Projects**

7. Possible, broad funding sources: Total Maximum Daily Load funds, Cancer Settlement Funds, Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act funding, MAP-21, New Energy Bill (?)

### **Increase Understanding of Cost of Adapting v. Non-action (economic benefits, socio-economics)**

1. Revise strategies for State spending to allow State Revolving Fund (SRF) and other public funding to be allocated for projects in Level 4 areas.

## **Draft recommendations to include after discussion and refinement**

### **Improve Communication and Coordination between State, Federal, Local and Regional Partners to Streamline Sea Level Rise Adaptation Efforts**

3. Use the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Climate Change Framework as a Multi-mode approach to integrate across agency and create a better ability for coordination between Maryland and Delaware

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6. Conduct a legal review of Disinvestment and Abandonment.
7. Consider use of a statewide Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) tool.
14. Evaluate benefits/risks of allowing private impoundments

### **Expand Funding Opportunities for Adaptation Planning and Implementation Projects**

2. Revise Strategies for State Spending to allow State Revolving Fund (SRF) and other public funding to be allocated for projects in Level 4 areas. Create Revolving Loan Fund for adaptation responses.
3. Consider use of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds for adaptation actions in industrial areas
7. Increase funding availability for the Port of Wilmington

### **Improve Availability and Robustness of Sea Level Rise Data Sets**

8. Create a Research and Policy Center at the University of Delaware that would focus on applied research for sea level rise and adaptation.

### **Increase Understanding of Cost of Adapting v. Non-action (Economic Benefits, Socio-economics).**

1. Secure adequate and permanent funding for the Delaware Bayshore Initiative; Conduct a cost benefit analysis through the Bayshore Initiative to justify use of funds.
2. Form a Committee to Investigate Risk Portfolio Issues resulting from sea level rise
3. Abandon roads and redirect funding to recreation; funding options for retreat, coastal tax; identify and determine the feasibility of alternative funding mechanisms to offset costs of sea level rise adaptation responses

## **Draft recommendations where more discussion and refinement is necessary**

### **Provide Increased Regulatory Flexibility for Adaptation and Improve Consistency between Regulatory Agency Decisions**

1. Create a coastal road classification.
3. Allow connection of individual septic systems to community systems with excess capacity.
13. Expand DNREC authority to acquire and/or protect areas identified as feasible and necessary for wetland migration.

### **Expand Funding Opportunities for Adaptation Planning and Implementation Projects**

1. Modify the Hotel Accommodations Tax to increase funds.